

Sonya “Sonny” Googins

Biography

State Representative Sonny Googins was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 from the 31st District, representing the Town of Glastonbury. She now serves in her sixth term. Before her election to the House of Representatives, Mrs. Googins was Glastonbury Town Council Chairman for eight of the sixteen years that she served on that body. She was the first woman to hold that post. She was CROG (Capitol Region Council of Governments) chair for four years.

For the 2005-2007 term, Representative Googins was appointed Assistant minority Leader. She serves on the Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for formulating the state budget, the Higher Education/Employment Advancement Committee, and as a member of the Commerce Committee. She formerly was a member of the Select Committee on Housing, Labor and Public Employees and Planning and Development Committees, and served as Ranking member of the Higher Education Committee.

Googins has been reappointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell to chair the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), and to again serve on the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission (CETC).

During her over 30 years of public service to her town and state, she served on many boards and commissions in Glastonbury, Greater Hartford and nationally. She is on the Board of Directors of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce, the Automobile Association of America (AAA) and the Hartford Symphony and is active nationally in the American Diabetes Association.

Representative Googins has received many awards for her civic and professional contributions; most recently she received the CRCOG Legislative Leadership Award for 2000 and the Daughters of the American Revolution, Glastonbury Chapter and New England Region 2000 Service Award, as well as Who's Who Among American Women and Who's Who in America for many years.

Sonny is married to Robert R. Googins, a former Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Insurance who is now a professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law and a consultant on insurance regulations. Together they have two sons, Shawn and Glen, and five grandchildren, and have lived in Glastonbury since 1963.